



Eileen Alice Kessel

September 12, 1936 - August 22, 2021

Eileen Kessel, aged 84, died peacefully on August 22, 2021, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living facility in Mandan, ND surrounded by her children. Eileen was born September 12, 1936, in Fort Peck, MT to Gladys and LeRoy Baker. Eileen was a country girl who grew up riding and breaking horses on her mom and dad's farm in Wolf Point, MT. After attending college in Havre, MT and moving to Glendive, MT for employment, Eileen married James (Jim) Kessel. Eileen and Jim raised six children in Glendive and moved to Mandan, ND in 1981 with Jim's employment for Burlington Northern. While raising six children is a full-time profession, Eileen found time to volunteer in many philanthropic organizations. Eileen was a member of the Glendive Hospital Auxiliary working at the Attic and assisting in the production (even performing in) the Fractured Follies for many years; Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) philanthropic sorority which supported the Danny Thomas St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN through many fundraisers including the annual Christmas Rent-a-Table and later in life played in the Glendive Senior Citizens Kitchen Band. Eileen worked as a bookkeeper and CNA during her years in Glendive, upon relocating to Mandan, she obtained her Realtor license and continued that profession following Jim's death.

Eileen's happiest moments were spent camping, traveling or just spending time with her family. ESA was an important part of her life and she served as State President in Montana and chapter president in North Dakota.

Eileen is predeceased by her parents LeRoy and Gladys Baker, her sister

Marie Oltman, grandson Dustin Kessel and the love of her life James Kessel. She is survived by her children, Vickie Sykes, Mandan, ND; Terry Stuart (Greg), Rock Springs, WY; Jeffrey Kessel (Annette), Mandan, ND; Jerry Kessel (Gina), Mandan, ND; Joey Kessel (D'Ann), Glendive, MT and Gina Russell (TJ), Mandan, ND. Eileen's large family included 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive on Friday, August 27, 2021, at 11:00 am with viewing at 10:00 am and graveside services to follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please join us for a celebration of Eileens life and a light lunch at the Bowling Alley from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to ST Judes' Childrens Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. We will miss you Mom.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
silha@midrivers.com
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (MT)

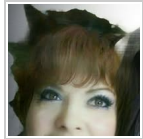
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Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen Alice Kessel*

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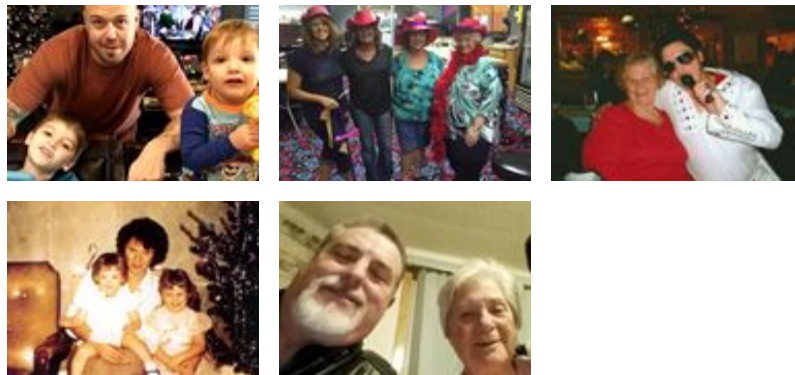
“ *Kymber Allen lit a candle in memory of Eileen Alice Kessel*



Kymber Allen - August 27, 2021 at 05:04 AM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - August 26, 2021 at 04:16 PM

BA

“ Vickie and Terry, feel like I spent enough time at the Kessel home during my high school years that Eileen is my Mother from another. I have so many lovely memories of her, your Dad and your family. My heart is sad and I pray that you will all be uplifted by your Mom's memories. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Anvik - August 26, 2021 at 02:21 PM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Eileen Alice Kessel



Denise Stoddart - August 25, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Alice Kessel.



August 24, 2021 at 10:16 PM

LW

“ My condolences to the Kessel family. Eileen was a special lady and one of my mom's dear friends.

Linda Jones Woodward - August 24, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TD

“ JOEY AND FAMILY~ Sorry for the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tammy Dey - August 24, 2021 at 09:12 PM

DB

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please accept our condolences and may remembering her wonderful and gentle soul help comfort you.



Dale & Alisa Boehning - August 24, 2021 at 11:38 AM

RP

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I have so many good memories of Eileen and family 🌹

Rita Popiel-Nemitz - August 24, 2021 at 11:10 AM

LO

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Larry and Sandy Oium



Larry and Sandy Oium - August 24, 2021 at 08:41 AM

TH

“ Tammy Helmuth lit a candle in memory of Eileen Alice Kessel



Tammy Helmuth - August 24, 2021 at 12:35 AM

GD

“ Gary Deines lit a candle in memory of Eileen Alice Kessel



Gary Deines - August 24, 2021 at 12:31 AM

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Gary Deines - August 23, 2021 at 09:19 PM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.



Ginger & Kelly Pulse - August 23, 2021 at 05:28 PM